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SUBJ: NATO EXERCISE "LOCKED GATE": RALLY ORDERLY

REF: LISBON 753 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: FEB. 7 RALLY WITH ANTI-NATO OVERTONES WAS ORDERLY
AND CREATED NO INCIDENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTED
PROBLEMS ARISING AS A RESULT OF SHORE LEAVE FOR APPROXIMATELY
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2,000 SHIPS COMPANY. END SUMMARY

1. RALLY AND MARCH EVENING FEBRUARY 7 DREW APPROXIMATELY 4,000 PARTICIPANTS. ORGANIZED BY VAGUELY DEFINED "INTERCOMPANY GROUP" WITH SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS LEFTIST SPLINTER GROUPS PURPORTEDLY AS PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT. ANTI-NATO SENTIMENT EVIDENT AND CHANTS USED BY MARCHERS INCLUDED ANTI-NATO THEMES AS WELL AS PROTESTS AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

2. ORGANIZERS OF RALLY RECEIVED COPCON PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH MARCH IN SPITE OF GOVERNMENT BAN BY PROMISING THERE WOULD BE NO INCIDENTS AGAINST PORTUGUESE OR NATO MILITARY PERSONNEL. RALLY NOTABLE FOR HIGH DEGREE OF ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINED MANNER OF MARCHERS. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

3. GOP PLACED SEVERAL HUNDRED COMMANDOS AND TWENTY ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS IN TWO BLOCK AREA AROUND EMBASSY AND COMPLETELY CLOSED OFF TRAFFIC. RALLY LEADERS ATTEMPTED TO LEAD MARCHERS PAST EMBASSY. COMPROMISE ALLOWED DEMONSTRATORS TO PASS ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF STREET FROM EMBASSY ON BASIS LEADERS PROMISE TO CREATE NO INCIDENTS. MARCHERS THEN PROCEEDED TO MINISTRY OF LABOR WHERE SPEAKERS ATTACKED UNEMPLOYMENT AS INEVITABLE RESULT OF CAPITALISM.

4. SHORE PATROL REPORTS NO U.S. SAILOR CITED FOR INCIDENT OF ANY KIND. SHORE PATROL PERSONNEL HELD MAINLY IN RESERVE AT MAIN POLICE STATION IN ORDER TO AVOID OBVIOUS PRESENCE ON STREETS. COORDINATION WITH PORTUGUESE POLICE AUTHORITIES EXCELLENT.

5. NO PUBLIC VISITS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR U.S.N. SHIPS. WEEK-END VISITING HOURS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED FOR SHIPS OF STANAVFORLANT WERE CANCELLED ON FEBRUARY 7.
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